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TITLE: Method & Apparatus for Individualizing
and Updating a Directory of Computer Files

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In the December 15, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Applicant's claims 1-34 and also objected to Applicant's drawings. On April 14, 2005, the Applicant and the Examiner conducted a telephone interview, the substance of which was to discuss possible language that could be included in Applicant's independent claims in order to make those claims allowable. As mentioned in the Interview Summary of the foregoing telephone conversation, during that telephone interview “[t]he examiner suggested that there is a need for language in the claim(s) to distinguish that the individualized directory of computer files are created ‘automatically’ and ‘without user intervention’ to overcome the prior art of record...” In accordance with the Examiner's recommendations, the Applicant submitted to the Examiner via email on April 14, 2005 a proposed amended independent claim incorporating limitations discussed during the telephone interview. The Examiner replied to Applicant's email on April 14, 2005 stating that the “proposed amended language for claim 1 looks to be in a condition to overcome the prior art of record.” The revised claim that was tentatively approved by the Examiner on April 14, 2005

appears as new independent claim 35 in the attached claims. Provided the Examiner still approves of its language, Applicant hereby requests allowance of claim 35.

In addition to adding claim 35, the Applicant has also amended independent claims 1, 17 and 18 to further distinguish those claims from prior art cited in the Examiner's December 15, 2004 Office Action. Applicant offers the following remarks in support of its claim amendments and in response to the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in the Office Action. As a result of the attached amendments to the claims and specification, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-35 are now in condition for allowance.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 9 of this paper.